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In re Application of:

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For: A Method and Apparatus for Allowing  
Communication Between a Host Computer  
and at Least Two Storage Devices Over a  
Single Interface

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Prior Art Submittal

REQUEST TO THE EXAMINER

Sir:

Applicant would like to draw the Examiner's attention to particularly the following of the submitted references because they were used as a basis for rejections during the prosecution of the parent application (Application No. 08/484,949):

- 1) U.S. Patent number 4,803,623, Klashka, et al., 2/17/89, filed 10/31/86;
- 2) U.S. Patent number 4,742,448, Sander, et al., 5/3/88, filed 12/18/86;

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- 3) U.S. Patent number 4,689,767, Stevenson, et al., 8/25/87, filed 10/22/85; and
- 4) U.S. Patent number 5,210,660, Hetzler, 5/11/93, filed 1/17/90.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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